Global Studies

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Global Studies Minor

The Global Studies Minor provides students a multi- and interdisciplinary minor that helps them prepare for global-oriented careers in business, government, non-governmental organizations, international development organizations, and philanthropic agencies.

For information about the Certificate in Foreign Language and Global Engagement or the Global Professional Pathways Certificate, please go to the Department of World Languages and Cultures.

Mission

The Global Studies Program fosters an interdisciplinary environment of investigation of global issues that enables students to discover, create, and communicate knowledge, develop critical thinking and intercultural competencies, and cultivate civic responsibility in preparation for opportunities in a wide array of globally-oriented fields.

Coursework in Global Studies includes two core courses in Global Studies (GS 200, “Global Systems and Cultures,” and GS 400, “Capstone and Portfolio Course in Global Studies”), and 18 credits based on courses from five “Core Competencies” that each correspond to a learning outcome for the minor.

- **Core Competency: Foreign Language** (6 credits)
  - Learning Outcome: Students will obtain a solid foundation in a foreign language and be ready to proceed to intermediate competency. Student will complete two courses in one foreign language.

- **Core Competency: Global Economics, Markets, and Development** (3 credits):
  - Learning Outcome: Students will acquire a foundational literacy in economics and economic development.

- **Core Competency: Global Politics and Security** (3 credits):
  - Learning Outcome: Students will examine and reflect on the complexities involved in global politics and security.

- **Core Competency: Global Environment, Technology, and Health** (3 credits):
  - Learning Outcome: Students will explore the impact of the global processes of business, industry, and technological developments on the environment and public health.

- **Core Competency: Cultures in Exchange and Contact** (3 credits):
  - Learning Outcome: Students will investigate the challenges and opportunities in a world of continual migration and interaction of cultures, ideas, and ways of life.

Please click on the minor tab above to see which courses are eligible for satisfying the core competencies.

The minor must include a minimum of 24 hours:

- At least nine hours must be in courses numbered 300 or above.
- Up to six hours may also count toward major program.
- Up to six hours may count toward GERs.
- 25% of the minor must be earned at UAH.
- A minimum 2.0 GPA is required in the minor.
Global Studies Core:

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Foreign Language and Thematic Core:

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Thematic Core Competencies 12

Students must select one course from three of the four thematic core competencies listed below. The fourth class may be from any category.

Global Economics, Markets, and Development

Students will acquire a foundational literacy in economics and economic development. Choose one course:

- ECN 142 PRINC OF MACROECONOMICS
- ECN 143 PRINC OF MICROECONOMICS
- MGT 450 INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS
- ECN 454 INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS
- FIN 454 INTERNATIONAL FINANCE
- OR course approved by Global Studies Program Director

Global Politics and Security

Students will examine and reflect on the complexities involved in global politics and security. Choose one course:

- HY 440 FOREIGN REL U.S. SINCE 1920
- PSC 102 INTRO TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS
- PSC 260 INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
- PSC 440 REGIONAL STUDIES
- PSC 464 AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY
- PSC 466 NATL SECURITY STRATEGY & PLCY
- PSC 470 ISSUES IN SECURITY POLICY
- OR course approved by Global Studies Program Director

Global Environment, Technology, and Health

Students will explore the impact of the global processes of business, industry, and technological developments on the environment and public health. Choose one course:

- AES 210 COLLAPSE OF CIVILIZATIONS
- AES 407 ENV THRTS, PUB POLY, & DEC MKG
- SOC 369 ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY
- HY 383 FOOD AND WORLD HISTORY
- PHL 150 TECH, SCIENCE & HUMAN VALUES
- OR course approved by Global Studies Program Director

Cultures in Exchange and Contact

Students will investigate the challenges and opportunities in a world of continual migration and interaction of cultures, ideas, and ways of life. Choose one course:

- ARH 103 ARH SUR: WORLD ART
- EH 208 READINGS LITERATURE/CULTURE 2
- EH 415 ANGLOPHONE/POSTCOLONIAL LIT
- WLC 204 INTERNATIONAL CINEMA
- AES 105 WORLD REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY
- HY 382 MODERN LATIN AMERICAN
- HY 385 MODERN MIDDLE EAST
- HY 424 THE ATLANTIC WORLD
The Global Studies Program features on-campus courses associated with the Global Studies Minor (GS 200 and GS 400), the Certificate in Foreign Language and Global Engagement (GS 200), the Global Professional Pathways Certificate (GS 450), as well as credit options (GS 199, GS 299, and GS 399) for courses completed abroad. Students may also receive credit for GS 499 for a course completed abroad or as an independent study on campus.

GS 199 - STUDY ABROAD
Semester Hours: 1-3
Course will involve travel to selected countries for academic study purposes. The course is open to all UAH students with permission of the instructor. May be repeated for credit when the content of the course differs.

GS 200 - GLOBAL SYSTEMS AND CULTURES
Semester Hours: 3
A multidisciplinary introduction to global studies through a focus on cultural, economic, political, and historical dimensions of interactions among world nations and cultures.

GS 299 - ST: GLOBAL STUDIES ABROAD
Semester Hours: 1-3
Course will involve travel to selected countries for academic study purposes. The course is open to all UAH students with permission of the instructor. May be repeated for credit when the content of the course differs.

GS 399 - STUDY ABROAD
Semester Hours: 1-3
Course will involve travel to selected countries for academic study purposes. The course is open to all UAH students with permission of the instructor. May be repeated for credit when the content of the course differs.

GS 400 - GLOBAL STUDIES CAPSTONE
Semester Hours: 3
Capstone independent study for students completing the Global Studies minor. Students complete a portfolio essay assignment and essays connected to the program's core competencies. Prerequisite: GS 200, its equivalent, or approval of instructor. Offered as needed as independent study to students in final semester of study.

GS 450 - GLOBAL PROFESSIONAL PORTFOLIO
Semester Hour: 1
This course serves as the capstone learning experience for students completing the Global Professional Pathways Certificate program. Students will complete the Global Professional Pathways Portfolio in which they reflect on and assess their foreign language study and experience abroad and how these learning experiences have helped them prepare for a global career in their field.

GS 499 - SELECTED TOPICS IN GLOBAL STU
Semester Hours: 1-3
Selected topics in Global Studies. Course may also take place abroad as part of a study abroad program. May be repeated for credit with permission of Global Studies Program director.